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SUBJECT: POLICE PRESENCE CAUSES SUSPENSION AFL-CIO LEADERS'  
RECEPTION IN VALPARAISO

REF: SANTIAGO 1729

1. SUMMARY: APPEARANCE OF TWO CIVILIAN POLICE AGENTS AT LABOR RECEPTION IN VALPARAISO FOR VISITING U.S. LABOR LEADERS CAUSED LATTER TO REFUSE TO CONTINUE MEETING. WALKOUT RECEIVED STANDING OVATION FROM ASSEMBLED HOSTS. INCIDENT IS ONLY GOC SLIP-UP TO DATE IN WELL ORGANIZED AND PRODUCTIVE VISIT.
  2. GOC ANNOUNCED SUSPENSION AND DEMOTION OF THE TWO AGENTS, AND VALPARAISO INTENDANT ADMIRAL PAREDES CALLED LABATT TO APOLOGIZE FOR INCIDENT. LABOR MINISTER APOLOGIZED TO FRIEDMAN DURING MEETING MORNING MARCH 16. END SUMMARY.
  3. MARCH 16 RECEPTION FOR VISITING AFL-CIO LEADERS WAS SUSPENDED WHEN U.S. VISITORS REFUSED TO CONTINUE SESSION IN PRESENCE OF TWO DETECTIVES OF CIVILIAN POLICE ("INVESTIGACIONES CIVILES"). THE TWO AGENTS HAD EARLIER APPEARED IN OFFICE OF MARITIME CONFEDERATION (COMACH) PRESIDENT EDUARDO RIOS AND ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO ATTEND MEETING LATER IN AFTERNOON.
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RIOS ASKED THEM TO RECONSIDER AND WARNED THEM HE COULD NOT

BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS OF AMERICAN VISITORS SHOULD THEY ATTEND. WHEN PAIR ARRIVED AT ONGOING ASSEMBLY OF ABOUT 100 LEADERS, RIOS ANNOUNCED THEIR PRESENCE. MCLELLAN THEN POLITELY ANNOUNCED THAT U.S. DELEGATION COULD NOT CONTINUE MEETING IN PRESENCE OF POLICE, AND THAT THEIR PRESENCE REPRESENTED BREACH OF ASSURANCES GIVEN BY GOC THAT DELEGATION WOULD BE ALLOWED TO MEET FREELY AND IN PRIVATE WITH CHILEAN LABOR LEADERS (REFTEL). AMERICANS THEN WALKED OUT TO STANDING APPLAUSE OF CHILEANS, WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL THEY WERE ON STREET.

4. MARCH 17 PRESS REPORTED THAT TWO AGENTS HAD NOT BEEN ACTING UNDER GOC ORDERS AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN SUSPENDED AND DEMOTED FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE. RADIO AND TV ALSO REPORTED INCIDENT.

5. LABOR ATTACHE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL LATE EVENING MARCH 16 FROM ADMIRAL PAREDES, NEWLY APPOINTED INTENDANT OF VALPARAISO, WHO OFFERED APOLOGIES FOR INCIDENT AND EXPLAINED THAT ACTION OF TWO AGENTS HAD BEEN BEYOND HIS CONTROL. HE ASKED LABATT TO CONVEY HIS REGRETS TO U.S. VISITORS AND SAID HE WOULD COME TO SANTIAGO AND PERSONALLY APOLOGIZE, IF DELEGATION DESIRED. LABOR MINISTER ALSO APOLOGIZED TO FRIEDMAN, AIFLD CPD CAMPOS, AND LABOR ATTACHE DURING MEETING MORNING MARCH 16.

6. COMMENT: THIS IS ONLY INCIDENT TO DATE TO MAR WHAT HAS OTHERWISE BEEN WELL ORGANIZED AND PLEASANT VISIT. GOC HAS GENERALLY MAINTAINED HANDS OFF POLICY FOR VISIT AND ALLOWED GROUP FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND ACCESS AS THEY DESIRE. IT APPEARS THAT PRESENCE OF TWO AGENTS IN VALPARAISO MEETING WAS NOT ORDERED OR APPROVED AT HIGH LEVEL OF GOC; IT WAS PROBABLY ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF UNCOORDINATED, WIDE RANGE OF AUTHORITY ACCORDED THE INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES. INCIDENT HAS EMBARRASSED GOC AND MAY PRODUCE HIGHER LEVEL APOLOGIES. POPPER

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